

Your Sponsorship and Donations

Donated funds are employed entirely to realise the vision of ACT. The funds are channelled through our partners in the communities in Africa. Your sponsorship and donations are used to

- [Pay school fees](#) and to make purchases of necessary school items including books, clothing and shoes.
- [Provide families with food and health care](#) when these are urgently required.
- Pay a small amount for administration costs. Volunteer workers carry out most of the administrative work of ACT. [All ACT workers are non-salaried](#) and carry out their duties on a voluntary basis.

How you can help

For £15 a month you can sponsor a fatherless or orphaned child.

For more information return this form to ACT, 12A Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 3AA.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

- Please send me details about sponsoring a fatherless child
- Please add my name to your mailing list
- I enclose a gift of £ _____
- Please send me a Gift Aid Declaration
- Please send me a Standing Order form

Gifts may also be given via CAF Charity Card

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Our vision

To support the children of needy widows and orphans in Africa to enable them to achieve their full potential in life.

In traditional rural African society, women marry young and stay at home to look after the children. The husband provides the financial support for the family. [The death of a husband is traumatic](#) and with no state support, the widow has to find the means to pay for food and shelter. Often this would be low waged, that is if she is fortunate enough to find a job. Children who should be attending school have to take up under age employment to supplement their mother's income in order to feed the family. [In many African countries education is not free](#) even at the primary school level and is therefore not affordable for poor families.



ACT is seeking to change that

With the support of people like you, [ACT provides funding for the children of widows and orphans to complete their education](#) so that they are equipped to achieve their full potential in life. Through your help they can become productive workers able to support their widowed mothers and their families later in life.

ACT believes in the adage: *"Give a child a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach them to fish and you feed them forever"*

Your sponsorship can help the whole community

Through your sponsorship [the entire community benefits](#). Teachers are employed and the need to provide school supplies creates job opportunities within the community. All of these contribute to [breaking the long-term cycle of poverty](#) and demonstrate a caring attitude in a practical way to those who are most in need.

Working in partnership with local communities

The community is central to the approach of ACT in funding the education of the children of widows and orphans in Africa. [We are working with well-established Christian churches](#), schools or other organisations in the local community

who share the same vision of supporting people in need. ACT therefore works in partnership with those who are best placed to recognise the families with the most need within the community. ACT offers educational support to the children of widows and orphans regardless of their religious background or affiliations.



Our Partners

These are Christian organisations that are well known and respected within their local communities. They:

- Select the children of widows and orphans to be supported.
- Disperse funds and oversee the educational development and spiritual welfare of the children throughout their school life.
- Send regular updates about the children, including their state of health, school progress reports and any key achievements.
- Provide financial accounts with an explanation of how your funds have been utilised.

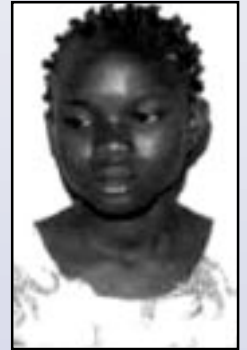
Countries where ACT operates



ACT aims to be active in as many countries as possible on the continent of Africa. We work mainly in communities where there is most need to support the weak and poor. This could be in shanty towns within major urban centres or in small rural communities. We currently have partners in Zambia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Tanzania. ACT aims to expand this work to other countries of Africa.

Guessongo

Guessongo lives with her mother in the north of Burkina Faso. This is an area where most people are Moslems, and she comes from a Moslem family. Her father was killed in a car accident in 1998, leaving a widow and 4 children. Since being supported by ACT, the family has seen their needs met and it has changed their lives. Awa, the widowed mother, could not understand how people who did not know them cared enough to help them. Care workers from Child's Hope Inc, ACT's partner in Burkina Faso explained to the family that the support was coming from a Christian organisation abroad. Guessongo is making good progress in school and the family now have much hope for a better future.



Yetunde

Yetunde is a bright 16-year-old girl who lives with her mother in Lagos. She is the eldest of 3 children of Hephzibah, a widow who lost her husband in April 2000 following a stroke. For her, the death of her husband has been traumatic and the financial burden of educating her young children has been very difficult for her to bear alone. The cost of living in Lagos is high and wages are low. With rising inflation it had become difficult to pay the school fees of all 3 children. Yetunde is in her second year of senior school. She attends Queens College, Lagos a reputable girls school in Nigeria.



Christopher

Christopher is 16 years old and one of 11 children of a widow who lives in Chingola, Zambia. His father died in 1996. Since then his mother who was unemployed has found it difficult to support all her children and to pay school fees for him and the other siblings. Having food enough to feed all the children has in itself being a problem. Christopher had experienced many interruptions to his education, having to be withdrawn from school because he could not pay the fees. At school he is three grades behind others of his age. Since receiving ACT support he has shown that he has the aptitude to perform well academically.

